

My name is Ashley Friedman. I am 24 years old from West Haven, CT. I am a teacher at a private school in Milford for children with autism, called CCCD.

I am writing this email to let you know that the proposed legislation would be detrimental to children with autism. The professionals identified in the language are not qualified to provide the services mentioned. There are already as it is not enough SLP's, Special Education teachers and Psychologists to meet CT's current educational needs so adding additional responsibilities to these professionals will not meaningfully increase the number of providers. Also without proper services delivered to students with autism, not only will learn but can regress causing the cost of later treatment and living care to increase. Lastly, supervision and direction by a designated administrator will add to the cost of providing services while decreasing the ability of qualified personnel to do their jobs.

Thanks for your understanding.

Kind Regards,
Ashley Friedman